(b) if so, the name of the countries in which ONGC has started overseas operation; and

(c) the nature of projects started by ONGC in these countries and the amount of investment involved in these projects with the separate break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is not operating in any foreign country. However, ONGC-Videsh Limited (OVL), a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC, set up for hydrocarbon Exploration and Production (E&P) activities overseas, has taken up E&P projects in Iran, Iraq, Libya, Myanmar, Russia, Sudan and Vietnam. The details are given below:

Name of the Project/country	OVL's Participating Interest	Planned Investment by OVL In Million US Dollar	Rupees Crores (1US$=Rs.48)	Nature of Project
Farsi Offshore Block, Iran	40%	10.8	52	Exploration
Block-8, Iraq	100%	15	72	Exploration
Block NC-188 &NC-189, Libya	49%	30	144	Exploration
Block A-1, Myanmar	20%	4.35	21	Exploration
Sakhalin-1, Russia	20%	1,741	8,357	Exploration and development
Greater Nile Oil Sudan	25%	720	3,456	Discovered fields-oil
Block 6.1, Vietnam	45%	228	1,094	Discovered fields-gas

Production of Crude Oil

1482. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of crude in the country till 30th November, 2003 during the financial year 2003-04, both in the public and private sector, separately;

(b) how far the production is according to stipulation made for the purpose for the year; and

(c) the quantity of crude so far imported during the year and the foreign exchange utilized for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The details regarding targets for production of crude oil for 2003-04 and the actual production till 30 November, 2003 by the two national oil companies, namely, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL), as well as the Private/Joint Venture Cos. (Pvt./ JVCs) are given below:

(Production in Million Metric Tonnes (MMT)

	ONGC	OIL	Pvt/JVC	Total
Target for production in 2003-04	26.387	3.2	3.905	33.492
Production from April to November 2,003.	17.169	1.991	2.82	21.980
Achievement.	65.06%	62.22%	72.22%	65.63%

(c) During April-November 2003, a quantity of 58.09 MMT (provisional) of crude oil valued about US $ 11,419 million (Rupees 51,918 crore) was imported.

Committee for Mid and South Tapti Production

1483. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been formed for Mid and South Tapti production sharing of natural gas;

(b) whether the Committee has been given any time-frame to submit its report;